

House Resolution No. 4569

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities that deepen and broaden the cultural, economic, and societal characteristics of this great state; and

Whereas, the city of Cuba, Missouri, was founded in 1857 by George Jamison and Wesley Smith who had surveyors lay out a town made up of thirty-two blocks and five streets slightly east of where Jamison had established a post office named after his wife, Amanda; and

Whereas, despite the desire of Jamison to name the new town in honor of his wife, the community's namesake ended up being the beautiful island off the coast of Florida that was at that time embroiled in a struggle for independence from Spain; and

Whereas, in 1858 the southwest branch of the Pacific Railroad was built through the new town, and later the Saint Louis and Little Rock Railroad came to the area to bring commercial goods to the region's residents and to take products to larger markets; and

Whereas, Cuba's early years were heavily influenced by the presence of logging, a planing mill, apple orchards, the canning industry, the manufacture of briar pipes, and the raising of poultry; and

Whereas, although the importance of the railroad declined, the city of Cuba benefitted from the establishment of Route 66, which ran from Chicago to Los Angeles and became a major transportation link between the west coast of the United States and the Midwest; and

Whereas, today's Cuba continues to build upon its excellent foundations and has chosen the theme "Treasuring the Past, Shaping the Future" for its Sesquicentennial Anniversary celebration as the town capitalizes on the strengths of its people, institutions, and abundant natural resources:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, people, and institutions of the city of Cuba and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of their hometown; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Cuba, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason Smith
District No. 150

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4569, adopted August 29, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker